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SUBJECT: SWEDISH REACTION TO FRG PROPOSALS ON INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 196812, (B) STOCKHOLM 3700 (NOTAL),
(C) STOCKHOLM 3682 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE
RECEPTIVE TO AN FRG INITIATIVE IN THE UNGA ON A
CONVENTION TO PROTECT HOSTAGES, ALTHOUGH ITS TIES WITH
THE THIRD WORLD WOULD MAKE SWEDES RELUCTANT TO BE OUT
IN FRONT. SWEDES WOULD ALSO BE LIKELY TO SEEK TO AVOID
CONFRONTATION, BUT A LIMITED, SPECIFIC PROPOSAL SUCH
AS THAT ENVISAGED BY THE FRG WOULD PROBABLY GAIN GOS SUPPORT.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE DEBATE IN SWEDEN OVER THE ISRAELI RAID ON
ENTEBBE HAS PROVIDED US AN OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN TAKE
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STOCK OF GOS ATTITUDES TOWARDS TERRORISM. FOREIGN MINISTER

ANDERSSON AT THAT TIME RELEASED A CAREFULLY WORDED STATEMENT (REF C) WHICH SAID IN PART THAT THE GOS "HAS REPEATEDLY STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND OTHER TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IT IS ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE THAT IRRESPONSIBLE AND CRIMINAL GROUPS ATTACK PRIVATE CITIZENS IN THIS WAY." SWEDEN SUBSEQUENTLY VOTED FOR THE US-UK RESOLUTION IN THE SC.

3. WHILE THE GOS, TO PARAPHRASE THE MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SHARES THE US ABHORRENCE OF TERRORISM, A DIVISION EXISTS IN THE MFA BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT TERRORISM (PARTICULARLY AMONG THE TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATS), AND THOSE WHOSE TENDENCY IS TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON PRESERVING GOOD RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN, ARAB AND OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS, (PARTICULARLY THOSE WITHIN THE AID DIVISION OF THE MFA, (REF B). GOS HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE WARY OF PLACING ITSELF IN A CONFRONTATIONAL POSITION VIS A VIS THE THIRD WORLD, AND WILL BE RELUCTANT TO BE OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY IF A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS BEING DIRECTED AGAINST ARAB OR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE SWEDES WOULD PROBABLY PREFER TO WORK TOWARD A CONSENSUS IN ORDER TO BALANCE THEIR OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM WITH THEIR DESIRE NOT TO ALIENATE THE THIRD WORLD.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH FRG POLITICAL COUNSELOR, EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT THE FRG HAS ALREADY APPROACHED THE GOS SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT FRG'S INITIATIVE ON THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES, MOST RECENTLY AT THE CHIEF OF MISSION LEVEL (CHARGE MADE DEMARCHE). THE SWEDISH REACTION HAS BEEN, ACCORDING TO FRG COUNSELOR, THAT GOS IS, IN PRINCIPLE, POSITIVE ON THE INITIATIVE, BUT WANTS TO WAIT FOR CONCRETE DETAILS AND REACTION OF THE UNGA BEFORE IT TAKES A POSITION. FRG COUNSELOR ADDED THAT SWEDES WERE "SKEPTICAL" OF THE INITIATIVE'S CHANCES OF BEING APPROVED. HE SAID HE EXPECTS TO PROVIDE GOS WITH SPECIFICS OF FRG PROPOSAL WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.

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